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Documents Attached

1. COMMUNICATION - RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION
2. COPY of the Petition as obtained from the PAIR system showing that it was received in Technical Center 1600 on January 2, 2001

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In re application of:

Michael I. Watkins et al.

Application No.: 09/548,883

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: MULTI-ANALYTE DIAGNOSTIC
TEST FOR THYROID DISORDERS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed December 5, 2006 stated that the latest submission would not be entered as a new issue was raised with respect to the inclusion of Patricia Miranda as an inventor.

However, as discussed today with Examiner Gabel, a petition to add Dr. Miranda as an inventor was filed in December 2000. Attached is a copy of the petition as obtained from the PAIR system showing that it was received in Technical Center 1600 on January 2, 2001. However, it appears that this petition was never acted on.

Applicants respectfully request that the petition be acted on, Dr. Miranda be added as an inventor, and this application proceed to allowance per today's discussion with the examiner.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

Michael I. Watkins et al.

Application No.: 09/548,883

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: **MULTI-ANALYTE THYROID
DIAGNOSTIC TEST**

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 1743

**PETITION AND FEE
AUTHORIZATION FOR
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP
(37 CFR 1.48(a)(3) and 37 CFR 1.17(i))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petition and fee authorization are hereby made for the correction of inventorship in the above patent application by the addition of PATRICIA A. MIRANDA. This patent application is not involved in an interference. As evidenced by the attachments hereto, the error in omitting PATRICIA A. MIRANDA as an inventor was made without deceptive intention, and the assignee has agreed to the correction of inventorship to add PATRICIA A. MIRANDA.

Accompanying this Petition and Fee Authorization are the following:

1. A Declaration by the actual inventors, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.63
2. A STATEMENT OF INVENTOR TO BE ADDED, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1).
3. A CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADDITION OF INVENTOR AND CERTIFICATION OF TITLE, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(4) and 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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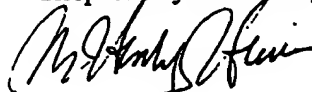
PATENT

An assignment by inventor Patricia A. Miranda is being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation contemporaneously with this petition. A copy (not for recordation) is enclosed with this petition.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430 of the undersigned, as the fee for this petition. Authorization is further given to charge to the aforementioned account any additional fees that may be needed but were overlooked by the undersigned, or to credit to the aforementioned account any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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